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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Shinji TANAKA  
MEDIUM CONTAINING PRINTER MAINTENANCE GUIDE PROGRAM  
FOR AUTOMATIC DISPLAY ON A COMPUTER IN RESPONSE TO  
DETECTING A CHANGE IN THE PRINTER STATUS (Amended)

**Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**

Our Ref: Q79562

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/445,076 (Confirmation No.9436) filed December 2, 1999 of Shinji TANAKA entitled MEDIUM CONTAINING PRINTER MAINTENANCE GUIDE PROGRAM FOR AUTOMATIC DISPLAY ON A COMPUTER IN RESPONSE TO DETECTING A CHANGE IN THE PRINTER STATUS (Amended), which is a Continuation Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/01990 filed April 14, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, thirty (30) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2185.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a division of Application No. 09/445,076 filed December 2, 1999, which is a Continuation Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/01990 filed April 14, 1999; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	10-107906	April 17, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/445,076.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

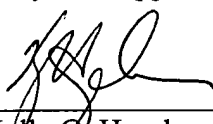
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Independent claims	<u>3</u> - <u>3</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								<u>\$770.00</u>
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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b><u>\$1060.00</u></b>

A check for the statutory fee of \$1060.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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